



The Lost Coast *H O W L E R*

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NEXT MEETING:

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 17**

at

**Mrs. Mendes' Home
405 Craig Street
Ferndale**

**Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.
General Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.**

Directions:

From Main St. Ferndale,
turn Left onto Brown St.,
Brown St. dead ends on
Craig. Park here.

Join us!!!

All Welcome.

President's Corner..

I want to welcome our new Vice-President, Michelle Dostal, and new board member, Debbie St. Myers. I appreciate both of them stepping up to fill the vacant positions.

Irene Hetrick and Cathlyn Wright, our Breed/Obedience Show Chairs, and many other committee chairpersons are working hard for our upcoming shows, June 30 and July 1, 2007 in Ferndale. Anyone who wishes to help with the show can contact Irene, Cathy, or any officer, board member, or chairperson. We would welcome any and all help.

The LCKC Agility Trial is also quickly approaching, July 21-23, 2007. Please contact Beverly Morgan-Lewis if you are available to help.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 17th, in Ferndale. Hope to see all of you there.

Jill Otto

CONSIDERING HOMEMADE DOG FOOD...

Today's (4/10) newspaper reported that as many as 39,000 pets may have been sickened or killed in the United States as a result of the melamine contaminated wheat gluten in their food. This is quite shocking. Menu Foods continues to make updates to their information, and it is recommended that we check their website for the latest.

As a result of the food recall and surrounding publicity, people are becoming concerned about feeding their animals a commercially prepared diet, and reportedly more and more are considering homemade food for their pets.

For anyone considering the BARF (Bones and Raw Food) type diet, I found an interesting website: www.auntjeni.com/barf.htm. I have not tried the BARF diet so cannot personally comment one way or the other, but in light of the current scare, I thought I'd pass the information on.

I also went to the AVMA website in an effort to find dietary information from a qualified source, which in turn took me to www.petdiets.com. However, the cost for homemade diet recipes was \$50, so I did not pursue.

There are many website postings offering homemade dog food recipes, and while many sounded great, I was unable to find one that I felt could be guaranteed to be nutritionally balanced and complete. If anyone knows of a good resource, please share it with us.

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1634

If you have not yet done so, please take the time to voice your opposition to this discriminatory and restrictive proposed legislation which would require sterilization of all dogs (and cats) over the age of four months. The California Assembly Business and Professions Committee will be further discussing the bill at its meeting on April 24, during which a vote will be taken. Check the AKC website for latest news and updates on this and other legislative issues: www.akc.org/canine_legislation.

PHOTOS NEEDED!

PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF YOUR DOGS. OF COURSE, WE WANT THOSE SPECTACULAR BIS AND HIT PICS, BUT THOSE CANDID SHOTS ARE JUST AS INTERESTING AND USUALLY MORE AMUSING OR HEARTWARMING. ANY AND ALL PHOTOGRAPHS ARE WELCOME.

BRAGS & WAGS

Have you heard.....



Jill Otto's Spinone, "**Savvy**," (CH Sunspot's Seven of Seven) earned her **2nd Junior Hunter leg** at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Northern Sacramento Valley hunt test. Way to go!!!



Beverly Morgan Lewis' Pembroke Welsh Corgi, "**Fern**," earned her **Novice FAST agility title** with three consecutive 1st place finishes at the Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club trial held in Dixon on 3/3. The following day, Fern qualified for her first **Open FAST agility leg** with a close second finish. Wow!



County-Wide Dog Training Club

Obedience & Rally Workshop

Saturday, May 5th 9:00am – 4:00pm
Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa

Classes Available: Rally, Novice, Open and Utility

In conjunction with Mensona Kennel Club's conformation "B" match and agility trial; for information on conformation match contact Susan Souza, 101 Ludwig Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407, for agility <http://www.abbadogs.com>

Entry Information: Pre-entries \$10.00 per dog/\$5.00 second run, same dog
Day of Workshop entries: \$12.00 per dog/\$7.00 second run, same dog

Mail pre-entries to: County-Wide Dog Training Club
c/o Jennifer Pauline, 4809 Fairgrave Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

THERE WILL BE NO FOOD OR DRINK AVAILABLE AT THIS WORKSHOP.
ALL RINGS WILL BE OUTDOORS NEAR THE CARNIVAL LOT.

Directions to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds: From Hwy 101 North or South, take Highway 12 East to South "E" St/Downtown Exit. Proceed on Bennett Valley Rd to Brookwood Ave & turn right. Parking will be on the left across from the fairground entrance.

Pre-Entry Form- Please use a separate form for each dog.

Handler: _____

Address: _____

Class: _____ **Additional Classes:** _____

Dog's Name: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

By signing below, I agree not to hold County-Wide Dog Training Club, It's Officers or the Sonoma County Fairgrounds responsible for any loss or damage to my dogs, property or person arising from this event

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

LOST COAST KENNEL CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2007

Board Meeting: Called to order at 6:45 pm. Attendees: **Jill Otto, Barb Stelz, Irene Hetrick, Deb Enns, Michelle Dostal, Deb St. Myers, Chris Irvin**

Minutes of Last Meeting – Approved **MSAC**

Report of Treasurer – **Patty Mendes** absent. No report.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – **Michelle Dostal** volunteered to be Vice President. She was then appointed Vice president by **Jill Otto** as per the LCKC By Laws. **Deb St. Myers** volunteered to be a Board Member and was appointed as well.

Adjournment: 6:50 pm

Regular Meeting: Called to order at 7:02 pm. Attendees: All the above plus **Danielle Reed, Pam Arneson, Debbie Hopkins, Kris Smith, Bayard Smith, Shirley Groom, Rose Kessler, Jim Wasetis, and Diane Silva.**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved **MSAC**

Report of President: Discussion held on Dog Laws and Ordinances.

Report of Secretary: A letter from Santa Cruz KC was read that stated they will try to change their show date so we can keep ours. They did apologize as they never checked to see who else had that date. A letter from AKC was discussed about clubs buying their own microchip implanters and scanners. It was decided not to purchase one. **Alice Symons** sent a letter officially resigning as Show Chair, LCKC President, and LCKC member.

Report of Treasurer: **Patty Mendes** absent. No report.

New Member Applications: None

Report of Committees

- ? Ring practice: Total of \$141 earned since last meeting. The latest practice was cancelled due to the Foggy Bottom Run in Ferndale. **Rose Kessler** said she will check with the fairgrounds before scheduling practices in the future. **Jill Otto** called Redwood Acres about the covered arena for practices. The cost is \$20/hour and the consensus was that it wouldn't be cost efficient.
- ? 2007 Conformation/Obedience Show: The show is in order. Parking help and EMT have been arranged. 4-H will help with general show stuff with **Pam Arneson** supervising them. The LCKC will make a \$200 donation to the 4-H group for the weekend. The Exchange Club has committed to doing the Friday night dinner. The 4-H group may do a Saturday night dinner. **Debbie Hopkins** has the flyers ready. **Chris Irvin** will contact **Cathy Wright** about mailing 150 flyers to the **Cooks**. **Debbie Hopkins** will mail 50 flyers to **Nick Mendes** per his request. **Deb Enns** will man the Raffle table. The judges hospitality forms have been all sent out. **Chris Irvin** has venders committed and would like to know of more local venders that might like to sell there. Please let her know if you think of any. The deadline for venders is May 30th. It was again mentioned that LCKC members and nonprofits get to set up tables at no cost. A discussion was held on whether there could be any type of special rides for the BIS judges to ringside. Any ideas from members are appreciated. **Chris Irvin** is doing all the trophies and they are all in order. **Shirley Groom** will be doing the towels and embroidery for trophies. **Shirley Groom** offered to donate the towels and embroidery work to the LCKC. Towel sizes were discussed. Bigger towels for Group trophies and smaller towels for Breed prizes were decided upon. **Shirley Groom** will look into them and discuss it with **Chris Irvin**. The BIS/HIT chairs are being bought by **Anita Gage**, from Creative Treasures, one of our venders, at a dog show. Creative Treasure has given the LCKC a great deal on the price. Discussion held on what type of logo will go on the chairs. Discussion held on trophy frames.

? 2007 Agility Trial: The judges' rooms are reserved by **Deb Enns** at the Best Western at Bayshore Mall, as that was their preference. **Beverly Morgan Lewis** needs \$150 to send in with the contract for renting the fairgrounds for the agility trial ASAP. All is moving smoothly along. The 4-H group will help out at the Agility Trial also.

Newsletter: Please send **Barb Stelz** anything interesting you have for the newsletter. She welcomes all contributions. She was complimented on the wonderful job she is doing with the newsletter. **Jim Wasetis** has been converting the newsletter to a PDF file.

Unfinished Business: Apparel order update. **MSAC** for **Michelle Dostal** to order 6 green worker T-shirts, 2 med, 2 Lg, & 2 XL and 4 Grey ones in whatever sizes are needed.

New Business: The new membership list is pending on an updated list of paid up members. **Michelle Dostal** will get it out as soon as she gets this information. **MSAC** to keep our show date as it is. **Irene Hetrick** will start contacting judges for 2008.

Shirley Groom introduced her adorable Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy, **Puccini**. He was extremely well behaved throughout the whole meeting and very, very cute.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

LCKC Logo Apparel Order... Wear your club logo with pride!!!



LAST CHANCE! If you've been thinking about ordering some logo items but have been putting it off, **DO IT NOW!** Club members can provide their own garments **OR** order jackets, shirts, vests, etc., from Sport and Cycle in Eureka. The logo is available either embroidered or silk screened onto the garments. The embroidery is approximately 4"x4" (Note: It is too large for a baseball cap), so it works best in the breast pocket area of a garment. Silk screening is also available (like on the club volunteer shirts). To do a silkscreen order, though, we will need a minimum of 10 items. No minimum order for the embroidery. The cost of the embroidered logo is \$13.50, and the silk screen logo is \$3.70 per garment. If you provide your own garment, you will be charged for the cost of the logo only. You can buy or order garments from Sport and Cycle.

Last time we did a special order, we got a discount from Sport and Cycle on garments ordered through their catalog. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you place your order through me and not directly with Sport and Cycle to get the discounted garment and logo prices. You can obtain the catalog number, color, and size information from Sport and Cycle, but your selection information must then be given to me, as I need to place the club order all at one time.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Michelle Dostal at 442-0726 or mjdostal@humboldt1.com